

I understand why people might want to use cell phones on an aircraft, but I think the most compelling reasons are the ones that limit their usage. Cell phones and conversations on them are distracting to the other folks in the cabin. Seating is tight, people are sitting in close proximity and any one conversation extends into the next seat. This is not like a train or some other public space, you are restricted from free movement and unable to escape the conversation. This is not the same thing as a conversation between seatmates. Seatmates are both present and other folks have the ability to enter into the conversation if they desire. In addition, people sitting next to each other are able to speak at a volume appropriate to the tighter quarters. Cellular phone users often speak at an increased volume to make themselves heard. I am strongly for the cellular free zone on the planes. I think it makes for a more pleasant flying experience for all.